

BUDGET: HHS

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Health and Human Services, receiving testimony from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine new initiatives in cooperative threat reduction, focusing on S. 1949, to provide for coordination of proliferation interdiction activities and conventional arms disarmament, after receiving testimony from Robert G. Joseph, Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

HURRICANE KATRINA

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Hurricane Katrina response issues, focusing on the Defense Department's role in the response, after receiving testimony from Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense; Admiral

Timothy J. Keating, USN, Commander, United States Northern Command; Lieutenant General H. Steven Blum, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Lieutenant General Russel L. Honore, Commander, First U.S. Army; and Major General Bennett C. Landreneau, The Adjutant General, State of Louisiana, and Director, Louisiana Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee held a hearing to examine the role of education in global competitiveness, focusing on the knowledge of math and science, and the respective high school reform and national security language initiatives, receiving testimony from Margaret Spellings, Secretary of Education.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2006.

Committee Meetings**U.S. COMPETITIVENESS—21ST CENTURY MARKETPLACE**

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Sharpening Our Edge—Staying Competitive in the 21st Century Marketplace." Testimony was heard from Carlos M. Gutierrez, Secretary of Commerce; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**RUSSIA**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): on Wednesday, February 9, 2006, Commission concluded a hearing to examine the current situation and future prospects for human rights, civil society, and democratic governance in Russia, after receiving testimony from Daniel Fried, Assist-

ant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, and Barry F. Lowenkron, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, both of the Department of State; Allison Gill, Human Rights Watch, Moscow, Russia; Andrew C. Kuchins, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Andrei Piontkovsky, Hudson Institute, and Natalia Bourjaily, International Center for Not-for-Profit Law, all of Washington, D.C.; and Nicolai N. Petro, University of Rhode Island, Kingston.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2006**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to continue hearings to examine Hurricane Katrina response issues, focusing on the roles of the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency leadership, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, February 10

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, February 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 852, Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.



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